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### SEPTEMBER — ALAMEDA — TRIP

The September Field Trip was taken to Alameda on Sunday, the 30th. High Tide at Fort Point was 5.4 feet at 11 a.m. PST. Low Tide was 0.7 feet at 5:01 p.m. PST. The party met at Lincoln Park at 12:30 p.m. PST. The sky was overcast, temperature pleasant and no wind. A light drizzle began just as some of the party were looking for Burrowing owls late in the afternoon. Mr. Peterson and his boys succeeded in flushing one owl. A small party went directly from Lincoln Park to the East Side of San Leandro Bay to look for concentrations of waders and reported back that there were several thousand Avocets, two or three thousand Western Sandpipers, hundreds of Willets and Godwits. Numerous gulls were present. Later many of the other people went over to see these birds. This region is rapidly being filled in for future industrial development. Returning to McCartney Drive several persons, including Mr. Cogswell, walked out to a group of terns and identified a Common Tern among the Forsters.

About one hundred members and guests were present. We were happy to welcome some eighteen persons from Sacramento and others from Salinas and San Jose. There were many young people among the bird enthusiasts.

Thirty-six species were observed:

Eared grebe; Calif. brown pelican; great blue heron; American egret; mallard, pintail and shoveller duck; sparrow hawk; Calif. clapper rail; coot; semipalmated plover; killdeer; black-bellied plover; ruddy and black turnstone; long-billed curlew; western willet; red-backed sandpiper; dowitcher; western sandpiper; marbled godwit; sanderling; avocet; western, California and ring-billed gulls; Forster and common tern; mourning dove; burrowing owl; Calif. shrike; house sparrow; western meadowlark; Brewer blackbird; house finch; savannah sparrow.

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## OCTOBER — SHELL BEACH — TRIP

On Sunday, October 14, 50 members and guests enjoyed an absolutely perfect day in Marin Co. After meeting at Point Reyes Station, the group proceeded to Inverness with two stops along Tomales Bay and marshes. A visit was then made to Shell Beach, which is a beautifully wooded hilly area with alternating beaches and cliffs. We lunched in the Bishop pines atop the ridge. Part of the group then visited the Olema marsh where we saw a sharp-shinned hawk in vain pursuit of redwings; then on to Bolinas where we had fine birding on an out-going tide.

The following 63 species were identified;

Red-throated loon	California quail	Crow
Eared grebe	Coot	Chest.-bk. chickadee
Western grebe	Killdeer	Pygmy nuthatch
Ped-billed grebe	Black-bellied plover	Wren-tit
White pelican	Long-billed curlew	Winter wren
Brown pelican	Willet	Marsh wren
Double-crested cormorant	Greater yellow-legs	Western bluebird
Brant cormorant	Northern phalarope	Ruby-cr. kinglet
Great blue heron	Western gull	Audubon warbler
American egret	Ring-billed gull	House sparrow
Snowy egret	Heerman gull	Western meadowlark
Baldpate	Forster tern	Red-winged blackbird
Pintail	Common murre	Brewer blackbird
Green-winged teal	Anna hummingbird	House finch
Greater scaup duck	Belted kingfisher	Pine siskin
White-winged scoter	Red-shafted flicker	American goldfinch
Surf scoter	Hairy woodpecker	Spotted towhee
Turkey vulture	Black phoebe	Oregon junco
Sharp-shinned hawk	Tree (?) swallow	White-cr. sparrow
Red-tailed hawk	Steller jay	Fox sparrow
Sparrow hawk	Scrub jay	Song sparrow

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## OBSERVATIONS

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Roadrunner, Aug. 19, east slope of Vollmer Peak, Berkeley Hills; flock of eight White Pelicans, Aug. 19, flying east of Vollmer Peak, Harry C. Adamson.

Winter Wren, Sept. 23, Fox Sparrow, Sept. 29, Gwinn Road, Oakland, Estella Bruce. 3 Barn Owls downtown San Mateo, Sept. 21, Marilyn Wensinger and Ken Schulz; Anthony Green Heron, Orinda Sept. 23; House and Winter Wrens Sept. 29, Dimond Park, Oakland. Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Oct. 14, Sequoia Park, Oakland, Ken Schulz. 3 Western Tanagers, 1 male Wood Duck, Sept. 15, Chain of Lakes, Golden Gate Park; Audubon Warblers, Sept. 22, same place; Sora Rail and Western Kingbird, Sept. 29, Jewel Lake; 2 Black-throated Grey Warblers near Jewel Lake, Tilden Park, Oct. 3, 2 Anthony Green Herons, Oct. 2, St. Mary's Lake, Gamble and Puget Sound White-crowned Sparrows, Danville, Sept. 25. June W. Kelly.

The Santa Barbara Museum leaflet states: "On Oct. 9th Mr. Rett collected the first male Painted Redstart taken in California" on the Museum grounds.

## DEVELOPMENTS AT BERKELEY'S AQUATIC PARK

The Regional Parks Association Bulletin, Sept. 1951 states that "a wild duck sanctuary has been established on the west side of the Aquatic Park lagoon. The birds are fed every morning at 10 a.m. . . . the water birds start coming into the park in September and will remain until spring. Go down and see them; take your own grain for more fun." As an outcome of the interest of these groups "and the Audubon Society, the City of Berkeley has inaugurated, on an experimental basis, a program of nature talks and walks . . . . Starting October 6, the program will be continued on the first Saturday of each month. Films are shown at 10 a.m. . . . then a walk around the lagoon, led by a volunteer from the Audubon Society."

Mrs. Dorothy Scott of the Audubon Society has given generously of her time and talents. "If you are a nature photographer with films and slides will you volunteer? Here is an educational opportunity, for there is a dearth of Nature films and a hunger for them on the part of the children."

"The Audubon Society has been interested in promoting nature study hikes and lectures for children and adults. The Aquatic Park has a bird population richer in kinds of birds than . . . that at Lake Merritt, Oakland." David G. Nichols lists 100 species observed during one year at the park.

## BIRD LIFE OF SPANISH CREEK, PLUMAS CO.

This summer I was fortunate in working as Nature counselor at Kamp Kidd. The camp is located on Spanish Creek, 10 miles N.W. of Quincy, elevation around 4000 ft. The area concerned is a canyon bottom wooded mostly with black oak, sugar pine, and douglas fir. A brushy hillside and good-sized creek complete the habitat. All but the Hermit Thrush and Black-throated Gray Warbler, which were migrants, were summer residents. The time period was June 23 to August 10.

The following 42 species were observed: Mallard; t. vulture; red-tl. and sparrow hawk; sooty grouse; sp. sandpiper; band-tl. pigeon; m. dove; Allen hummingbird; bltd. kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; acorn, Lewis, hairy, downy and white-hd. woodpecker; west. wood pewee; olive-sd. flycatcher; violet-gr. swallow; Steller and scrub jay; mt. chickadee; bush-tit; red-br. nut-hatch; br. creeper; Amer. dipper; hermit thrush; robin; west bluebird; solitary, and warbling vireo; or-cr., Nashville (Calaveras), and bk.-thr. gray warbler; cowbird; west. tanager; bk.-hd. grosbeak; lazuli bunting; purple finch; sp. towhee; chip. and song sparrow.

More common than Steller jays were the spotted towhees. Birds seen only once were the mallard, turkey vulture, sparrow hawk, band-tailed pigeon, acorn woodpecker, cowbird and chipping sparrow.

— KENNETH SCHULZ

**NEW MEMBERS.** We welcome the following: from San Francisco, Miss Virginia Orton, Miss Helen M. Roets, Miss Marjorie Van Scyoc; from Oakland, Mrs. Elma Dean, Miss Jean Way; from Berkeley, Miss Barbara A. Crowley; from Kentfield, Mrs. Thomas T. Kent.



NEW CALIFORNIA HEADQUARTERS

The National Audubon Society has established headquarters for California, representing 14 branches and 10 affiliates, at 693 Sutter St., San Francisco, Room 201. P ROspect 3-4042. Here you will find valuable National Audubon publications; books, pictures, cards, class-room aids, etc. and information on Audubon activities. Miss Mary Jefferds is in charge and will welcome visitors from 9 - 12 a.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. daily.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The 410th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on November 8th in the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak and 14th Sts., at 7:30 P.M. Following the business meeting, Mr. Fred W. Herbert, Assistant State Conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, will speak on "Conservation As a Way of Life". The public is invited. No-host dinner at Zerikote's at 6 P.M.

MRS. FRANK A. SCOTT, *Program Chairman.*

November — Conn Lake — Trip

On Sunday, Nov. 11, to Conn Lake in Napa County. Conn Lake, being a refuge, should be a good place to see ducks and other water birds during the hunting season. There is also good land birding nearby. Transportation by private car. Meet at the bridge on the Silverado trail a mile or so north of Napa at 9:00. The turnoff for Conn Lac is on the Silverado Trail 16 miles north of Napa. Watch for a sharp right turn. Leader, Kenneth Schulz, KE. 2-5552. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

November — Lake Merritt — Trip

On Saturday, Nov. 24, to Lake Merritt in Oakland. This should be a good time of year for the ducks and other water birds. Meet at 9:30 at the duck feeding station. Take 8:55 "B" train from San Francisco and get off at Perkins St., and Grand Ave. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

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